#### Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

## RULES AND PRACTICE Committee Meeting

333 Guadalupe, Suite 2-510 Austin, Texas 78701

> October 23, 2014 3:00 pm

Members Present: Harvey Aikman, PT, Chair

**Gary Gray, PT** 

Melinda Rodriguez, PT

Philip Vickers, Public Member

Staff: Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator

Mark Turek, Chief Investigator Cindy Machado, Licensing Manager

Sherry Grimes-Brock, Assistant Licensing Manager

Guests: Paul Hardin, TPTA Executive Director

Barbara Sanders, PT, TPTA Liaison

Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff Amber Townsley, TPTA Staff

- A. Call to order
- B. Public comment
- C. Approval of minutes from the July 24, 2014 meeting
- D. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.6, License Restoration, including procedures for licenses expired for five years or more.
- E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.6, Licensure by Endorsement, regarding Provisional Licensure.
- F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.3, Temporary Licensure for Examination Candidates, regarding provision for individuals restoring a Texas license through supervised clinical practice.
- G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §322.1 Provision of Services regarding making changes to the reevaluation requirements.
- H. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.1 Requirements for Renewal, regarding changing renewal date to birth month.
- I. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.9 Retired Status, regarding requirements for return to active practice.
- J. Discussion and possible action regarding addition of questions/answers to the Jurisprudence Exam.

- K. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
- L. Adjournment

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# A. Call to order

Harvey Aikman called roll and determined a quorum was present. He called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

**B.** Public comment

There was no public comment.

C. Approval of minutes from the July 24, 2014 meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.

Made by: Gary Gray Second: Philip Vickers Motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.6, License Restoration, regarding procedures for licenses expired for five years or more.

The Committee discussed establishing a timeframe for completion of supervised clinical practice for restoring a Texas license that has been expired for one to five years, and clarifying the application requirements for a new license if an applicant is not eligible for restoration.

Motion: To recommend changes to §341.6 as submitted.

Made by: Gary Gray

Second: Melinda Rodriquez Motion passed unanimously.

E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.6, Licensure by Endorsement, regarding Provisional Licensure.

The Committee discussed eliminating the requirement of a two year work history for provisional licensure in order to comply with legislative changes during the 83rd Legislature.

Motion: To recommend changes to §329.6 Licensure by Endorsement as submitted.

Made by: Melinda Rodriquez Second: Philip Vickers Motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.3, Temporary Licensure for Examination Candidates, regarding provision for individuals restoring a Texas license through supervised clinical practice.

The Committee discussed establishing a new category for issuing a temporary license to restoration applicants completing supervised clinical practice, changing the supervision requirement of the temporary licensee to a physical therapist only, and allowing a temporary licensee to begin work on the basis of website verification of licensure.

Motion: To recommend changes to §329.3 Temporary Licensure for Examination Candidates as

submitted.

Made by: Melinda Rodriquez

Second: Gary Gray Motion passed unanimously.

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## G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §322.1 Provision of Services, regarding making changes to the reevaluation requirements.

The Committee discussed changing the timeframe for re-evaluation of a patient from 30 days after treatment is initiated to 60 days after treatment is initiated before provision of physical therapy treatment by a physical therapist assistant or a physical therapy aide can continue.

Motion: To recommend changes to §322.1 Provision of Services as submitted.

Made by: Gary Gray

 Second: Melinda Rodriquez Motion passed unanimously.

H. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.1 Requirements for Renewal, regarding changing renewal date to birth month.

The Committee discussed establishing a conversion of license renewal dates from the current anniversary method to birth month renewal.

Motion: To recommend changes to §341.1 Requirements for Renewal as submitted.

Made by: Gary Gray Second: Philip Vickers Motion passed unanimously.

I. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.9 Retired Status, regarding requirements for return to active practice.

The Committee discussed updating the section to eliminate the requirement of notarization of the application and to provide options for returning to active practice. The Committee took no action.

J. Discussion and possible action regarding addition of questions/answers to the Jurisprudence Test.

The Committee reviewed the questions/answers prepared by staff and approved them to be added to the online Jurisprudence Exam.

K. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items

The Committee agreed that the agenda for the next meeting will include proposing changes to §341.9 Retire Status and discussion of student licensing. The next committee meeting was set for January 29, 2015.

### L. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Melinda Rodriquez
Second: Philip Vickers

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Aikman adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Date reviewed by the Committee: 01/29/2015

Action taken by the Committee: approved as submitted

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